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Dearest Mother &Daddy:

I received a letter from you today, and one from Eve Hoffman and Mort Rosen also. He is still in Italy.

I am glad you and Lottie are over your colds, and hope you don't have a recurrence. It is now 6:30 PM, and it is drizzeling outside.

I spent the day finishing up a bomb-proof shelter, and fixing up my hole a little better, you know, with some homemade modern conveniences.

I was going to a show tonight, but as I was taking a shave and shower after supper, it started to rain. I wouldn't sit in the rain in our open-air shows over here to see the best show ever. Right?

Mort is tired of sitting around Italy, travelling around and seeing the sights, so he volunteered for the Paratroops, and was turned down, because he was a Captain. Now he has volunteered for active duty over here. He is crazy, but don't know it. Just wait till he gets here.

Well, what did you buy in Atlanta when you went up there with Chester? Anything worthwhile?

We have the surrounding area covered with white coral sand, and at night, with the beautiful moon shining, it looks like snow. It is amazing, i.e., the similarity '.

Oh, yeah, I also got an airmail letter from Lottie today, dated Jan. 15, which is darn good time, only 11 days. Right? Airmail is pretty fast, much faster than V-mail. Right?

If you didn't get the canes, they were probably stolen by the postal clerks, as are many of the things shipped from over here. However, I can't get anymore now, but will if I ever get to the area where I can get them again. O.K.?

Celsius has gone home, as we couldn't keep him with him here. I don't know when and if I will ever see him again. Yes, Don Frost married an SDT from Bamb last year, and is a father, also Bob Engel.

The much heralded show, To Have or Have Not, is playing tomorrow night, and I will go, if it don't rain.

Since when is Daddy a connoisseur on pipes? He only valued the pipe at half of it's true worth, didn't you, Pop? Well, O.K., if you don't think it is worth it, how about picking out me a real nice pipe, and not a cheap one, and sending it to me. Right?

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,
Harold